

Provider Type 47 Indian Health Services (IHS) and Tribal Clinics

Billing Guide



Overview

- Reimbursements
- Prior Authorizations
- Telehealth
- Encounters
- Preventative Services



Indian Health Services (IHS) Tribal Health Clinics (THC)

- Outpatient services provided in IHS/THC are reimbursed at an all-inclusive, per recipient, per encounter rate.
- The encounter rate is developed from information published in the most recent Federal Register.



REIMBURSEMENTS



Reimbursements

- Reimbursed at the all-inclusive encounter rate when billed using the code T1015
- Clinics may only request reimbursement for one professional group, per recipient, per day, by the listed provider
- Services must be medically necessary
- Recipient must be eligible for Nevada Medicaid/Nevada Check Up and IHS or Tribal services when service was provided





Prior Authorization

No prior authorizations required for:

- Covered services delivered at an Indian Health Service or Tribal Clinic for American Indians or Alaska Natives who are eligible for Medicaid or Nevada Check Up.
- Utilization of Telehealth services does **not** require authorization.



TELEHEALTH



Purpose

Telecommunication system to substitute for an in-person encounter:

- Professional consultations
- Office visits
- Office psychiatry services
- Limited number of other medical services



MSM Chapter 3400 – Telehealth Services

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Covered Services

- Consultations
- Follow up inpatient Telehealth consultations
- Office of other outpatient visits
- Subsequent hospital care services
- Subsequent nursing facility care services
- Individual psychotherapy
- Pharmacologic management
- Psychiatric diagnostic interview examination
- End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) related services
- Neurobehavioral status exam
- Individual health and behavior assessment and interventions
- Individual and group Diabetes Self-Management Training (DSMT) services
- Smoking cessation counseling for pregnant women only



Non-Covered Services

- Services delivered using telecommunications, but not requiring the recipient to be present during the consultant's evaluation
- Interpretation and report of radiology and diagnostic testing
- One-way telecommunications in single media format
 - Telephone calls
 - Images transmitted via facsimile machines (faxes)
 - Text messages (electronic mail)



Originating Site

- Location where an eligible recipient is at the time the service is being furnished
- Originating Site Telehealth Services are **not** reimbursable as encounters
- Use Procedure Code:
 - Q3014 with GT modifier in Field 24 D on the CMS-1500 Claim Form



Distant Site

- Location where the provider is at the time the service is being furnished
- Distant site Telehealth services *MAY BE* reimbursable as encounters
- Use Encounter Code
 - T1015



ENCOUNTERS



Bill the all-inclusive code T1015 for clinic visit /encounter.

Professional Groups

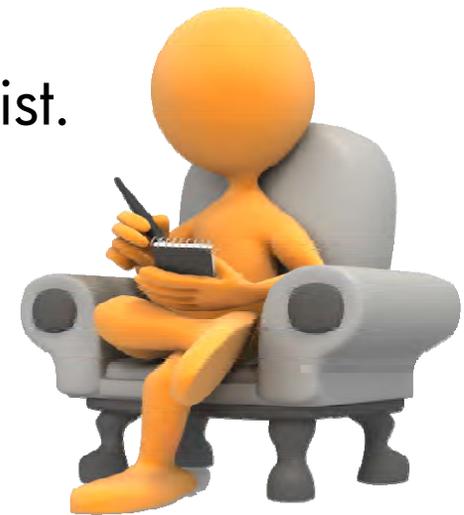
- Physician
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- Podiatrist
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- Physician Assistant
- Psychologist
- Pharmacy
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- Optician
- Clinical Laboratory



Scenario One: 3 Encounters / Same day

The following **three encounters with different** professional groups are allowed on the same day:

- Encounter 1: Recipient visits physician who writes a prescription.
- Encounter 2: Recipient visits the pharmacy to fill the prescription.
- Encounter 3: Recipient visits a psychologist.



Scenario Two: Only 1 Encounter Allowed

Only **one** of the following encounters is allowed, because the profession is the same.

- Encounter 1: Recipient visits physician for a sore throat in the morning.
- Encounter 2: Recipient visits physician for dermatitis in the afternoon.



Scenario Three: 2 Encounter Exception

Two encounters with the same profession are allowed in emergency situations.

- Encounter 1: Recipient visits physician for a sore throat in the morning.
- Encounter 2: Recipient visits physician for a broken arm in the afternoon.



PREVENTATIVE SERVICES



MSM Chapter 600

Family Planning

- When family planning services are provided, include the most appropriate V (ICD-9) code and bill the encounter code T1015.



MSM Chapter 1500

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Services:

- Follow the periodicity schedule listed in MSM Chapter 1500 Healthy Kids Program and bill the encounter code T1015.



Learning Check

1. What code is used when billing for clinic visit/encounter?
2. Originating Site Telehealth Services are reimbursable as encounters. T or F
3. Which Telehealth Services are considered covered by the DHCFP?
 - A. Consultations
 - B. Office or other Outpatient visits
 - C. End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD Related Services)
 - D. Only A and B
 - E. All of the above



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Customer Service Center

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